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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION IN
12 COLLABORATION WITH OTHER STATE AGENCIES AND THE LEGISLATURE TO
13 IDENTIFY AND MEASURE KEY INDICATORS OF THE WELFARE OF THE
14 STATE, TO DEVELOP AND PUBLICIZE A BENCHMARKING REPORT TO
15 COMPARE THESE INDICATORS WITH THE EXPERIENCE OF OTHER STATES
16 OVER TIME AND TO USE THESE INDICATORS AND MEASURES TO GUIDE
17 STATEWIDE STRATEGIC PLANNING.

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19 WHEREAS, the national association of state auditors,
20 comptrollers and treasurers, the government accounting
21 standards board, the national governors association center for
22 best practices and the city of Albuquerque have all embraced
23 benchmarking as a valuable tool for managing government
24 resources and improving performance; and

25 WHEREAS, the Accountability in Government Act calls upon

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1 state agencies to be held accountable for the services and
2 products they deliver in accordance with clearly defined
3 missions, goals and objectives; and

4 WHEREAS, the legislative finance committee has published a
5 guide to the evaluation of performance and accountability
6 measures for state agencies; and

7 WHEREAS, the governor's performance and accountability
8 contract already calls upon state agencies to develop measures
9 in the categories of economic growth, management of resources,
10 protecting the environment and a safer New Mexico and to report
11 quarterly on those measures; and

12 WHEREAS, key performance indicators and measures should be
13 an integral part of budgetary decision-making; and

14 WHEREAS, these indicators and measures should be
15 meaningful and tied to best practices and should be
16 outcomes-based; and

17 WHEREAS, executive agencies should strive to identify key
18 indicators and measures that are concise and unambiguous; and

19 WHEREAS, the legislature should be involved in the
20 evaluation of performance and accountability indicators as
21 developed and measured by state agencies; and

22 WHEREAS, many statistics are already being accumulated
23 that collectively provide a picture of the welfare of the
24 state, but they are not being compared to similar statistics in
25 other states;

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1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
2 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department of finance and
3 administration in collaboration with other state agencies and
4 the legislature be requested to identify and measure key
5 indicators of the welfare of the state, develop and publicize a
6 benchmarking report to compare these indicators with the
7 experience of other states over time and use these indicators
8 and measures to guide statewide strategic planning; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of finance and
10 administration aggregate the results of the key indicators and
11 measures and use these results to develop action plans to
12 improve the welfare of the state; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the state agencies responsible
14 for developing and using these key indicators and measures keep
15 them consistent from year to year so that performance can be
16 measured over time; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate interim
18 legislative committees receive annual reports of these key
19 indicators and measures from state agencies and deliberate on
20 the meaning of their findings; and

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of finance and
22 administration examine the experience of other states in
23 generating a benchmarking report; and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the benchmarking report be
25 designed so that the results and findings of the report can be

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1 used over time to meet the requirements set forth in the
2 Accountability in Government Act, to set performance measures
3 for performance-based budgeting and to guide strategic planning
4 efforts to meet the needs of New Mexico and set new standards
5 for achievement; and

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
7 transmitted to the secretary of finance and administration and
8 the chair of the legislative finance committee.

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